

City of Scappoose Newsletter ~ December 2015

Where are we now? Where are we going? A new vision for our future!

I wanted to take a moment to thank the voters for supporting the City's efforts to change our annexation process. We believe this decision by the voters sends a message to the PCC Board that Scappoose would love to have a campus in our community. It also sends a message to potential businesses looking at Scappoose that we are open for business.

In addition, last week, the City was informed that the Court of Appeals rendered a decision upholding the City's decision to expand our UGB (urban growth boundary) by adding 378 acres for industrial development. This decision is a game changer and will dramatically improve our opportunities to recruit new industry and create new jobs for our community. Again, the City very much appreciates the support we received from the voters and community leaders who supported us on both of these efforts.

Finally, the City has included a copy of a survey that we would appreciate each utility customer taking the time to complete. Your completed survey will give us valuable feedback on how to guide the City forward in the years to come. The results of the information will be shared at our first annual Town Hall Meeting scheduled for January 23, 2016. Just remember, together we can make a difference.

City Manager Michael Sykes

As you've read in the City Manager's message, enclosed in this utility billing is our 2015 community survey. Our hope is to be able to connect with as many of our citizens as possible in order to understand how well the community meets essential needs, to gauge the level of importance of key issues, and to begin the process of increasing public involvement in the hope that we can shape the future of Scappoose together.

The City of Scappoose will host its very first Town Hall Meeting on January 23, 2016 where we will share the results of the survey and begin the process of crafting a community vision statement. A vision statement captures what community members most value about their community, and reflects what they want their community to become. A thoughtful vision statement is one of the elements needed to form a forward looking strategic framework that gives councils, boards, and city staff the long-term-comprehensive perspective necessary to make rational and informed decisions on community issues as they arise.

Please take the online version of the survey found at tinyurl.com/scappoose if at all possible, in order to reduce the time required to tabulate the results. If you prefer to fill out the printed survey, we are happy to accept those as well. Printed surveys can be mailed back with your utility payment, or can be dropped in the white payment drop box behind City Hall.

Your voice is vital to our success. We look forward to hearing from you and are excited to share the results of the survey at the Town Hall Meeting on January 23, 2016. Won't you join us?

"Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success."
- Henry Ford

Fall is Here

Raking or blowing leaves from your yard into the street is not permitted. The street sweeper is not able to sweep up large piles of leaves at the curb, and leaves left in the street can cause clogged catch basins, slippery surfaces and rotten vegetation.

To report a street light out

Email ~ sreeves@cityofscappoose.org or call 503-543-7146

Please list the address that the street light is in front of or the nearest cross street

City of Scappoose
33568 East Columbia Avenue
Scappoose, Oregon 97056
503-543-7146

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Mark your Calendar

Utility Billing Statement~

*We are now billing monthly, please note new due date~
Bills are due the 15th of each month.*